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Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.97 (b)(3), the following patents are brought to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and specifically to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the subject patent application. The submitted documents are listed on the attached PTO Form and a copy of each reference is included for the Examiner's convenience.

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3326467	1/1985	Germany

PUBLICATIONS

Tool Engineers Handbook, 1449 McGraw-Hill Book Company,
Pages 1228-1229.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH REFERENCE

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patent under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

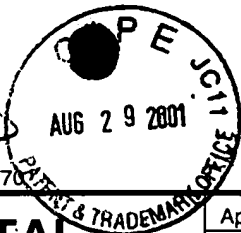
German Patent Reference No. 3326467

The subject German reference discloses a piston-connecting rod arrangement wherein the connecting rod (14) is made of multiple elements and consists of a shaft (24) which transfers compressive forces from the piston (12) to the crank pin (32), as well as several tension loops (26) which encompass the piston pin (16) and the bearing shell (30) of the crank pin and only transfer tensile forces. The piston has a base-side, trough-shaped bearing surface (A) and opposite the connecting rod another trough-shaped surface (C). In the transfer of compressive forces from the piston to the connecting rod, a straight flow of force essentially in the longitudinal direction of the connecting rod is possible over bearing surfaces (A,C). The claimed invention for the subject German reference focuses on the configuration of the connecting rod (14) and the fact that it consists of a shaft (24) and at least one tension loop (26', 26''). Claim 1 goes on to recite that the shaft ends in the half of the piston pin (16) which is facing away from the base (18) of the piston in the form of a receiver trough (A) for the pin. The tension loop (26', 26'') encompasses the base-side half of the piston pin and the half of the multiple part bearing shell (30) facing away from the base of the piston on the crankshaft side of the connecting rod bearing (32). The tension loop is divided and includes a lock (36).

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